Solid waste management in Delhi before Commonwealth Games

*211. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether MCD is struggling to deal with the problem of solid waste management and there is every likelihood that MCD may not come up to deal with it before the Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) whether Government is working on some proposals to meet the situation in dealing with the solid waste management and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up an advisory group consisting of professionals, academicians, NGOs and RWAs, etc. which may help in dealing with this acute problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that it is in a position to deal with the problem. MCD is working in accordance with the solid waste management master plan to deal with the solid waste, right from its collection to the disposal. At present, the collection and transportation of the garbage in six zones is being done by private operators through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode and in the remaining six zones, it is being done departmentally. Presently, there are three landfill sites in operation. One 500 MT/day compost plant is in operation at Bhalaswa with private partnership and 200 MT/day compost plant is under process of revival at Okhla. Besides these, concession agreement for processing of 3100 MT/day garbage for waste to energy project has been signed with Infrastructure Leasing and Finance Services (IL&FS). Integrated Solid Waste Management (SWM) site-cum-landfill is proposed at Narela-Bawana Road. One engineered landfill site at Jaitpur is also under development. MCD has conducted several Bhagidhari Workshops to rope in NGOs, RWAs and other stakeholders on the issue of Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.

Assistance for plantation by Orissa

*212. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has demanded Rs. 20 crore assistance from the Central Government for plantation to save Baleswar, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Ganjam and the coastal areas of Khordha district from damage being caused by the tidal waves; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Ministry of Home Affairs has formulated a National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) to be implemented with World Bank assistance. One of the Investment Proposals received under the Project from the Government of Orissa is on Shelterbelt Plantation and Mangrove Regeneration in Balasore, Bhadrakh, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapada Districts, at a total cost of about Rs. 23.03 crore.

(b) The project is yet to be posed to the World Bank for their appraisal and funding.